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In re application of: Achtermann et al.

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Serial No.: 09/438,436

Examiner: Todd, Gregory G.

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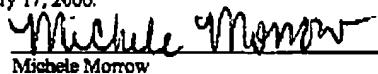
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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.